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Addendum

Programme questions: Evaluation

(Item 4 (c))

Triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme

1. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 10 and 11 June 2002, the Committee considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme (E/AC.51/2002/7).

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report.

Discussion

3. The Committee expressed appreciation for the work performed by the Electoral Assistance Division in support of the democratization process, emphasizing the importance of carefully assessing conditions in countries requesting assistance before authorizing it. The Committee noted favourably the Division's

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support to the electoral process in Fiji, the development of a joint Department of Political Affairs/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) note of guidance and with the Division's participation in various electoral networks. It was also suggested that the White Helmets Initiative could be further explored as a useful tool in the provision of electoral assistance.

4. Support was expressed for all the recommendations, particularly for the need to expedite the allocations of responsibilities among the various relevant organizations of the United Nations system, greater participation in lessons learned by other organizations of the United Nations system and better integration of gender mainstreaming in the activities of the Division.

5. Clarification was requested on: (a) what specific actions were taken by the Division to solicit extrabudgetary funds; (b) the relationship between the note of guidance and the UNDP programme manual; and (c) what actions should be taken to better integrate gender mainstreaming in the activities of the Division.

6. The usefulness of spreading the practice of memorandum of understanding and agreements was emphasized, as well as the importance of the delivery of technical cooperation on electoral legislation prior to the electoral processes for which assistance is requested.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve recommendation 3 of the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the electoral assistance programme (E/AC.51/2002/7).**

8. **The Committee, having considered the triennial review, recommended that recommendations 1 and 2 be submitted to the Third Committee of the General Assembly, at its fifty-seventh session, for its consideration.**